



Applicant: Hans A. Mische  
App. No: 09/733,775  
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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR  
TREATMENT OF BONE FRACTURES  
  
Examiner: Nihir B. Patel  
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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 3, 2010

**Mail Stop Amend**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Mr. Patel:

Thank you for your time during our phone call this afternoon. Pursuant to our discussion, and in response to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2010, please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

16. **(Currently Amended)** A system for treating bone fractures comprising;  
an expandable tubular implant configured to expand from a reduced configuration to an expanded configuration, the expanded configuration comprising a greater diameter and a shorter axial length than the reduced configuration,  
a delivery device comprising a balloon, the balloon having an exterior surface;  
said expandable tubular implant removably attached to the exterior surface of the balloon; whereby the balloon expands the tubular implant at the treatment site from the reduced configuration to the expanded configuration, whereby the balloon is configured to be removed after leaving the expanded tubular implant in place to span and fixate the bone ~~segment~~ fracture.